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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Funding Down the Grant Slate from fiscal year (FY) 2012;
Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN)
Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of
Education.

ACTION: Notice of intent to fund down the grant slate from
fiscal year (FY) 2012.

SUMMARY: The Secretary intends to use the grant slate
developed in FY 2012 for the GAANN Program authorized by
Section 711 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended
(HEA), to make new grant awards in FY 2014. The Secretary
takes this action because a significant number of high-
quality applications remain on the FY 2012 grant slate and
limited funding is available for new grant awards in FY
2014. We expect to use an estimated \$1,268,000 for new
awards in FY 2014.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 15, 2011, the Department of Education published a notice in the Federal Register (76 FR 77985) inviting applications for FY 2012 for new awards under the GAANN Program.

In response to that notice, we received a significant number of high-quality applications. Many applications that received high scores by peer reviewers were not selected for funding.

To conserve funding that would have been required for a peer review of new grant applications submitted under this program and instead use those funds to support grant activities, the FY 2013 GAANN grantees were selected from the slate of applicants developed during the FY 2012 competition using the priority, selection criteria, and application requirements referenced in the December 2011 notice. A number of high-quality applications from the

2012 competition were not funded in 2012 or 2013. We will select new grantees in FY 2014 from the existing slate developed in FY 2012 for the same reasons and in the same manner as we did in FY 2013.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. §1135.

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Dated: May 29, 2014.

Lynn B. Mahaffie,
Senior Director, Policy Coordination,
Development, and Accreditation Service,
delegated the authority to perform the
functions and duties of the Assistant
Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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